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'Almost to Day'

U.S. Called China A-Shot: McDowell

American intelligence knew almost to the day when the Chinese Communists would explode their A-bomb, U.S. Rep. Harris B. McDowell, Jr., said today.

McDowell, fresh from a briefing at the State Department yesterday by Secretary of State Dean Rusk, said American satellites had covered China so well that we even had photographs of the tower upon which the nuclear device was exploded.

McDowell and three other Democratic Congressmen met with Rusk for more than an hour. The congressman told a news conference that there is some disagreement as to whether a nuclear power in China is more of a threat to Russia or the United States.

HE WARNED that China may have delivery capability in as little as five years, rather than 10 as had first been thought.

But he said the only way the United States could prevent the Chinese development as a nuclear power would be to do it "by conquest, by militarily subduing them to our rules."

The congressman, a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee who is seeking a 5th term, scornfully attacked his Republican opponent, James H. Snowden, as "a self-styled expert on making instant American diplomacy, just as he might brew his instant morning coffee."

HE PARTICULARLY criticized Snowden's analysis that the explosion of the Chinese bomb has "propelled Mao (the Chinese Communist leader) as the new overall leader of the Communist bloc."

"Foreign policy discussion," he continued, "must be held within the limits of factual information and background."

McDOWELL TERMED Snowden's statement that "Harris McDowell just hasn't gotten the message" as "fatuous and insane" and added that he and his colleagues reported to Congress, almost two years ago after a fact-finding mission behind the Iron Curtain, that there was great unrest not only in the satellite countries but also in Russia itself.

"Mr. Snowden, like his political bedfellow, Sen. Goldwater, reverts to extremism in his foreign policy views. Both of these Goldwater Republicans offer blind, partisan criticism rather than constructive debate," he charged.

He continued, "these Goldwater Republicans stand alone, isolated from bipartisan foreign policy so firmly established over the past 30 years. Such negative pessimism is outside the American mainstream of intelligent political practice and thinking."

McDOWELL SAID there is a shortage of both food and consumer products in all of the countries behind the Iron Cur-

tain, but the new regime in the Russia may nevertheless be forced by the military to concentrate its industrial output on heavy weapons rather than a better domestic economy.

All in all, he concluded, the State Department attitude is one of continuing present objections but staying "cautious" on new developments.

McDowell said, "Mr. Snowden's conclusion is drawn on hasty words and empty facts."

The facts, McDowell said, indicate that there will be no lessening of the rift between China and Russia despite the bomb and the overthrow of Khrushchev.

HE SAID it is the consensus of the State Department and all of the U.S.'s Western Allies that the ouster of Khrushchev was caused by internal rather than external factors, and that the Russian posture will not substantially change for the time being. He said that history indicates there will be a renewed power struggle within the Russian hierarchy "involving perhaps a dozen men, including the military leadership."

McDowell added that American intelligence indicates that Russia and China have more troops massed on their joint border than ever before, and that there have actually been clashes between them. He said China

is claiming 200,000 square miles of Russian territory and that there are other indications that the two governments are not

now and are not likely to be in accord.

McDowell said the American foreign policy will remain essentially unchanged and mention some of the specific areas:

- We will continue opposing Red China's admission to the United Nations.

- We will insist that Russia pay its share of the expenses of peace-keeping operations (only \$5 million this calendar year but due to increase to \$25 million in 1965).

- We will keep our commitments in all areas of the globe, including Viet Nam and Berlin. He also said the State Department has indication there will be no change in British foreign policy despite the change in the government.

McDOWELL SAID that foreign policy is a legitimate campaign issue as long as criticism are valid. He said the Snowden-Goldwater contention that our "foreign policy has been a complete failure and must be wholly revamped is entirely unrealistic."

The congressman said that the continuity of foreign policy is essential "since we don't create events or dictate the terms that the Kremlin lays down or the propaganda it uses or the subversive methods it undertakes."